

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6827

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As of February 5, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to vehicle dealers in counties with a population of ten thousand or less.

**Brief Description:** Regulating vehicle dealers in counties with a population of ten thousand or less.

**Sponsors:** Senator Morton.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/04/10.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

**Background:** Under current law, any person or firm engaged in buying and offering for sale, or buying and selling, five or more vehicles in a 12-month period without holding a vehicle dealer license is guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and upon conviction subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 for each violation and up to one year in jail.

**Summary of Bill:** A resident of a county with a population of 10,000 or less is not subject to the above fines unless engaged in buying and offering for sale, or buying and selling, seven or more vehicles in a 12-month period.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** CON: Consumers will lose because dealers offer protection to consumers.

**Persons Testifying:** CON: TK Bentler, Washington State Independent Auto Dealers Association.

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